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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ENJOY NEW HAMPSHIRE'S APRIL SCHOOL VACATION RIGHT HERE
IN THE GRANITE STATE!**

Great Offers and Experiences for the Entire Family

Concord, New Hampshire, April 19th, 2010 – With New Hampshire April school vacation coming next week and the weather starting to warm up, now is the perfect time for families to get outdoors and enjoy spring in the Granite State.

“Families looking for ways to take advantage of the beauty of their home state of New Hampshire during school vacation week can find many fun and affordable opportunities to enjoy a family outing for a day or two, or even the full week,” said Alice DeSouza, director of the State Division of Travel and Tourism Development (DTTD). “Take the family on a hike in Northern New Hampshire, go for a boat ride on one of our many lakes, bicycle along the Atlantic coast-line, or visit a local farm. There are many ways to take a break in the action, enjoy a mini-vacation, and relax right here in New Hampshire.”

Recognizing that many New Hampshire residents are choosing to stay and travel within the state when they vacation, many businesses, lodging properties and attractions are offering specials geared towards New Hampshire school vacation week. You can get a wide variety of value-added offers on the website at www.visitnh.gov. While there, download itineraries, plan and book your trip and check out the Travelers Handbook, geared towards in-state residents.

Families can enjoy the warm spring weather and take a tour at one of the many beautiful and historic gardens, including Prescott Park, The Fells and St. Gaudens. Catch a spring festival ([events](#)), eat out ([dining](#)), or make a week out of it by booking your stay at a hotel, inn or B&B ([lodging](#)).

Parents have to work? There are many vacation day camps – indoors and out -- that the kids can participate in.

A Sampling of April Vacation Offers:

4/26 – East Hill Farm Spring Family Farm Day. Troy - Experience daily hands-on farm fun including milking cows, making butter, collecting eggs, pony rides, hay jumping in the hay loft, sheep shearing, swimming in the indoor pool, and more. Visit www.east-hill-farm.com.

4/26-4/30 - Odiorne Point Safari Spring Vacation Camp – Open to children in grades K-5. Program teaches about the natural environment by getting right out into it. Activities include: exploring the tidal pools for creatures, treasure chest scavenger hunt, conduct experiments, visit the rocky coast and pond. www.seacoastsciencecenter.org

4/26-4/30 – Vacation Camp at NH Audubon, Auburn and Concord – Each day is designed to build the skills of budding naturalists through hands-on activities, storytelling, outdoor exploration, games and live animal observation. Themes include Earth Day, reptiles and amphibians, vernal pools, and raptor rapture. Open to children ages 6 – 10. www.nhaudubon.org.

4/26-4/30 – The Cottage Place on Squam Lake, Holderness is offering its “Family Adventure Package,” starting at \$295 for a two night stay. Families will arrive to 4 envelopes outlining tasks that need to be completed by the end of their stay. These exercises promise to foster family togetherness and are designed to improve communication between all members (recommended ages 5 and older – but left to your discretion). At the end of the stay, families will be rewarded with a gift that will remind them of their adventure. The Cottage Place is situated on the shores of Squam Lake and is centrally located in the heart of New Hampshire’s Lakes region and the foothills of the White Mountains <http://www.cottageplaceonsquam.com/>

4/27 & 4/29 – Kids Cooking Classes at the Wakefield Inn Bed and Breakfast in Wakefield, NH –Kids can learn how to make pizza dough, bread, puff pancakes, chocolate mousse, and more. Open to children between the ages of 8 -16. Classes will be held 10 am – 1 pm, and space is limited to 10. The cost is \$25, and includes lunch at the end of the class. <http://wakefieldinn.com/blog/2010/02/kids-cooking-classes-at-the-wakefield-inn-bed-and-breakfast/>

4/24 -5/2 – Kids Eat Free During School Vacation Week at T-BONES and Cactus Jack’s - T-BONES Great American Eatery and Cactus Jack’s restaurants are offering parents some financial relief and offering free kids meals during the week of school vacation (April 24 – May 2). With their many convenient locations across the state, it’s easy to dine out and save. T-BONES is located in Bedford, Derry, Hudson, Salem and Laconia. Cactus Jack’s is located in Laconia and Manchester.

4/26 -4/30 – Children’s Museum of New Hampshire, Dover – Various April vacation activities



planned. Reading, crafts, slideshows, and more. Admission: \$7.00. New April Vacation Activities Guide offers discounts at various restaurants and attractions in Dover during school vacation week. http://www.childrens-museum.org/cmnh/uploadedFiles/Visit/dover_april_vacation.pdf
www.childrens-museum.org or call 603-742-2002.

4/26-4/30 – WildQuest Spring Camp at Prescott Farm, Laconia – Featuring themed days including Extreme Explorers: Spring Bushwack; Spring on the Farm; Magnificent Migrants Quest; The Hunter and the Hunted; and Pond Party. Open 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, pick a day or do the whole week. Ages 6-12. www.prescottconservancy.org/education/wildquest-camps/wildquest-spring-camp-april-26-30/

April - Guided Outdoor ESCAPES - Lucie Villeneuve of Outdoor ESCAPES New Hampshire, LLC, gives tours on foot, or by canoe, kayak, cross country skis, or from their sports utility vehicle with roadside stops and short walks. Customize a package the whole family can enjoy. www.outdoorescapesnewhampshire.com

4/26-4/30 – Currier Museum of Art Vacation Week Art Camp for Kids, Manchester – The Machine Age – The Rise of Robots! Do you kids like Legos, robots, bridges, video games, planes, trains and automobiles? Young artists will sculpt, paint, draw, create and invent machine-like beings, tools and objects. Children aged 6 to 13 (1st grade +) can register for a full day, from 9 am-3:30 pm, and 5 and 6 year olds (Kindergarten – 1st Grade) have the option of mornings only, from 9 am-noon. Full Day: \$250; Half Day: \$140. www.currier.org or call 603-669-6144. **Museum admission is free during this week.**

4/30 – 5/2 – Aerospacefest, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord – Join the New Hampshire Astronomical Society to celebrate the space sciences and aeronautics with numerous activities, crafts, demonstrations, speakers and exhibitors from all over New England. Meet astronauts and officials from NASA and other scientists and engineers in the field of developing new technologies for future space missions. www.starhop.com

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